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15. [] LIAISON John Watson, GAO, called on a Comptroller General report on the Mayaguez incident being prepared for the Subcommittee on International Political & Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee, and said that a staff member of the National Security Council had suggested that it be made available to the Agency for review in the interest of assuring the comprehensiveness of the report. Watson is sending the report to us on the condition that we are not required to make an input and no mention will be made of this review by the Agency if we decided not to make any comment. The report will be reviewed by [] IC Staff, and [] NIO Staff.

16. [] BRIEFING Met with Mike McCloud, Staff Director, and Harlan Strauss, on the staff of the House Republican Conference, and reviewed arrangements for the Director's appearance on 6 April. It was agreed that Chairman John Anderson (R., Ill.) will, in his opening remarks, indicate that the discussion is to be limited to substantive intelligence information and will not include any operational information. Since there is no way to anticipate whether questions asked will require a classified response, McCloud said that he would prefer that no staff members of the House Republican Conference participate since none of them hold security clearances. Strauss said he would have a talley clerk listing of those members who did attend the session and would provide us a copy of that document. They also raised the possibility of conducting similar sessions periodically. I recommended that we see how the first session goes and that if it goes well, we not set up a scheduled session since I thought the interest would tend to wane but that we provide briefings on topics which generate substantial interest. They agreed.

17. [] LIAISON Called Chuck Meissner, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to determine the background of the statement in Jack Anderson's 23 March 1976 column that the Agency had provided the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, [] [] Meissner reviewed the executive session of the Subcommittee when Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.) referred to the report we had furnished him. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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25X1 1. [] LIAISON Per his earlier request, called
25X1 Chuck Haynes, House Appropriations Committee Investigations staff, and
25X1 told him that we found no Journal references on our delivery of the
25X1 Reserve release letters on [] We then discussed the Agency briefings
of the House Appropriations Committee, Defense Subcommittee, on
29 July 1975, 6 October 1975, and 9 December 1975. He requested
copies of the Memoranda for the Record I prepared on these briefings
and also copies of transcripts, if any, of the briefings. Copies of the
Memoranda for the Record have been provided to Mr. Haynes.

25X1 2. [] LIAISON I spoke with Dick White,
25X1 Administrative Assistant to Representative Dale Milford (D., Texas),
25X1 regarding the status of the investigation by the House Committee on
25X1 Standards of Official Conduct into the release of the House Select
Committee on Intelligence report. He said it appeared they were just
getting started and were beginning with interviews of Committee members.
[] Review Staff, was advised.

25X1 3. [] LIAISON I spoke with Pat Holt, Chief
25X1 of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and mentioned to him
that Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) had requested a briefing on Rhodesia
and southern Africa for 8 April. I also brought to his attention
Senator Claiborne Pell's (D., R.I.) question at the Senate Rules
Committee hearing on 31 March on S. Res. 400 regarding our reporting
to subcommittees and pointed out that our answer indicated that the
Senate Foreign Relations Committee for Section 662 was the only
Committee which included only the Chairman and Ranking Minority
member. He thanked me for bringing it to his attention.

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